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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 February 2007 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-893)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date: ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

1. The drawings are objected to because the boxes in Figures 1 & 2, should have descriptive labels in addition to the reference numerals. Correction is required.
2. The abstract is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.72(b) and MPEP §608.01(b). The abstract should be a single paragraph of 150 words or less commencing on a separate sheet following the claims.
3. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.
4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.
5. Claims 13-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US6765491. The US6765491 reference discloses
 - a) receiving at least one second received signal from the second receiving device (see Figure 5);
 - b) evaluating at least one part (T_i) of the second received signal for parasitic signal (I_{us}) portions which indicate a presence of a parasitic signal source in the space; and
 - c) a red warning light is provided inside the motor vehicle that provides a warning to the user of an interference as recited in claims 13 and 23.

With regards to claim 14, the US6765491 reference discloses the utilization of a window (T_i).

With regards to claims 15, 16 and 24, the US6765491 reference discloses the utilization of a warning light that remains lighted as long as an interference is detected.

With regards to claim 17, the US6765491 reference discloses a system that turns off the warning light when the interference signal has not been detected zero times.

With regards to claims 18, 19 and 25, the US6765491 reference discloses a system that utilizes sensors S1 and S2 to detect targets.

With regards to claim 20, the US6765491 reference discloses a system that utilizes multiple transmitter with echoes receive by adjacent receivers (see Figure 2).

With regards to claims 21 and 22, the US6765491 reference discloses a system that utilizes digital processing (see column 4, line 11).

With regards to claims 26 and 27, the US6765491 reference discloses a system that utilizes transceivers (see Figure 2).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dan Pihulic whose telephone number is 571-272-6977. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Thursday and every other Monday and Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Tarcza, can be reached on 571-272-6979.

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571-273-6977 for unofficial communications.

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